

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fuse comprising:

a fuse element including

5 a pair of flat plate terminal portions arranged  
in parallel,

a fusible portion provided between inner edges of  
said flat plate terminal portions; and

an insulating housing into which said fuse element is  
inserted so as to cover said inner edges and upper edges of  
10 said flat plate terminal portions and said fusible portion,  
said insulating housing including

a pair of housing bodies mutually connected at upper  
ends thereof so as to form a upper wall portion of said  
insulating housing,

15 an slit opening formed at a lower end of said  
insulating housing, and

a flap which is integrally formed at one side edge  
of said slit opening through a thin-walled hinge so as  
to be rotatable;

20 wherein a distal end edge of said flap is joined to another  
side edge of said slit opening.

2. A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end  
edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said  
25 slit opening by welding.

3. A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said slit opening by at least one locking pawl.

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4. A fuse as claimed in claim 1, wherein said distal end edge of said flap is joined to said another side edge of said slit opening by a pair of locking pawls.

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